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The following articles are also enclosed:

1. L. S. Levin and I. M. MacLeod, "*Implementation strategy for a Fail-Silent Processing Node for Distributed Computer Control*", Transactions of the SA Institute of Electrical Engineers, pg. 80-86, September 1994.
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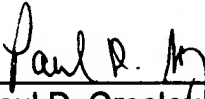
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Respectfully submitted,

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